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CRITERIA FOR PROVIDING TELECOM FACILITY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the town falling within a distance of 200 kms is the criteria for providing certain telecommunication facilities;
- (b) if so, whether Kosi and Mathura towns fall within the specified range of 200 kms from Delhi and are eligible for such facilities;
- (c) if so, the reasons for not providing Delhi-Kosi-Muthura telecommunications link; and
- (d) by when this facility is likely to be provided to these towns?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) The only facility provided for towns falling within a distance of 200 Km. is that subscribers not having STD facility can dial on level 95 provided the towns are within the same administrative area i.e. Telecom Circle or the boundaries of the Short Distance Charging Area (SDCA) are touching.

(b)&(c): Though Kosi and Mathura are within the specified range of 200 Km. from Delhi, they are in U.P.(west) Telecom Circle and their boundaries are not touching with Delhi/National Capital Region. Therefore, they are not eligible for such facilities.

(d) Does not arise in view of (b)&(c) above.